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NEW MAN SETS IT OFF

Rumor of Job Shifts
Resumes in PentagonBy RICHARD FRYKLUND
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A New York lawyer, Peter O. A. Solbert, moved into the Pentagon last week as a consultant, and, as a result, the Defense Department is full of reports again today about sweeping high-level personnel changes.

Mr. Solbert, an extremely bright international lawyer, is only a temporary helper to a deputy assistant secretary, technically, but that's not the whole story.

He was chosen by the administration to understudy William P. Bundy, deputy assistant secretary for international security affairs, with the intention of giving him Mr. Bundy's job this summer.

Mr. Bundy isn't going anywhere, however, unless his boss, Assistant Secretary of Defense Paul H. Nitze, moves. When

Mr. Nitze goes, Mr. Bundy will take his job, according to present plans.

Mr. Nitze isn't going anywhere, however, unless his immediate boss, Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell L. Gilpatric, leaves. Mr. Nitze will get that job or some other that could be created in a general shuffle following the departure of Mr. Gilpatric.

Mr. Gilpatric isn't going anywhere, however, unless Senator McClellan, Democrat of Arkansas, winds up the interminable TFX hearings. Mr. Gilpatric wants to return to private life but not until he has had his turn on the McClellan griddle.

The hearings ramble on while Mr. Solbert, his wife, his five children, his boss, his boss' boss and his boss wait for a chance to settle into a new life.

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